

# On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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## Looking Back...

### *Reflections on 1988 and the Arkansas Corvair Club's first year*

by Elvis King

Story is revised and reprinted from the February 1998 issue of *On the Air*.

This piece was originally published in the Feb. '98 "On the Air" and has been updated for 2008, as the ACC concludes its 20th year and we plunge into our third decade in CORSA.

In late 1987 and early 1988, David Blakey, Arkansas Corvair Club founding father, mailed letters to Corvair owners around the state to gauge the interest in forming a new CORSA chapter in Arkansas. The response to David's inquiry was strong enough to justify his renting a meeting room in the North Little Rock Holiday Inn for Saturday, February 20, 1988.

On that date, some 35 to 40 enthusiasts gathered in North Little Rock,

driving 12 Corvairs from various regions of the state. After the first formal group meeting and discussion, everyone was optimistic that a new Arkansas chapter of CORSA was possible.

That February day in 1988, the weather was unusually warm and sunny. Following the planning meeting, central Arkansans were treated to their very first impromptu Corvair parade, as 11 Corvairs, many with convertible tops down, made their way south on Main Street, through North Little Rock, across the Broadway bridge, and on to the state capitol grounds, where many attendees

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### Proposed amendments to the Arkansas Corvair Club Constitution and Bylaws

by Bill Smith

As originally published in *On the Air*, June 2006, and partially reprinted in November 2007, members of the Arkansas Corvair Club will vote on the following proposed amendments to the ACC Constitution and Bylaws.

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#### CONSTITUTION

##### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

###### Section a., 3rd sentence reads:

Four Regional Representatives shall be selected by the Executive Committee to serve with the Board of Directors to assure representation of all state members.

###### Proposed amendment to Section a., 3rd sentence:

Do we want to or need to revise this?

###### Section f. reads:

A person who holds the office of President or Vice President may not serve consecutive full terms.

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### NO TUESDAY MEETING IN JANUARY

The Arkansas Corvair Club will **NOT** hold a Tuesday meeting in January. Our next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, **February 19**, at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood. Please join us if you can.

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**



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took pictures and conversed to get to know one another better.

One week later, on Monday, February 29, our chapter's charter application was drafted and signed, using a template supplied by CORSA. With that action, the Arkansas Corvair Club, CORSA Chapter 722, came to be. Soon, a club newsletter—which later would become *On the Air*—was being published and mailed to members and prospects, to communicate news of club activities and share technical tips.

Although our founding members had plenty of enthusiasm, the early ACC years were challenging. A fledgling CORSA chapter needs money to survive. To meet that need, Kenneth Eddy, a founding member from Fairfield Bay, planned and arranged for our club to host the seventh annual Fairfield Bay Antique and Classic Car Show, on August 13, 1988. The money earned from that show went a long way toward putting the ACC on sound financial footing.

In addition to money, a fledgling CORSA chapter also needs some means to garner recognition, respect, and credibility with other groups and antique car enthusiasts. To get us recognized during that first year of activity, Stew and Ronnie MacLeod—long-time active CORSA members—contacted Larry Claypool about visiting Arkansas

and conducting a technical seminar for the club. On October 22, 1988, the "perffessor," himself, presented a slide presentation, on the subject of Corvair wheel alignment, to an enthusiastic audience of 33 Corvair lovers at the Airport Holiday Inn in Little Rock.

With Larry's presentation at that October 1988 gathering, the Arkansas Corvair club had finally earned a place on the collectible car enthusiasts' landscape.

After months of planning and hard work by a handful of dedicated individuals, CORSA Chapter 722 had indeed arrived and the Corvair's future in Arkansas had grown much brighter. The ACC was in gear and on its way.

Today, David Blakey and wife Sarah live in Clinton, Tennessee and are occasionally in touch with ACC friends in Arkansas.

Kenneth Eddy, sadly, passed away in August of 1999. Kenneth's wife, Gloria, still lives in Fairfield Bay, and we sometimes hear from her through her daughter and son-in-law, Lauri and Corey Holtz, who are also ACC members.

Larry Claypool, who owns and operates the Vair Shop in Frankfort, Illinois ([www.vairshop.com](http://www.vairshop.com)), remains the Corvair top gun. Larry is very active with the Chicagoland Corvair En-

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Happy Birthday  
to our ACC associates  
born in February.

Elvis King  
February 6 (67)

John Coffey  
February 11

Gloria Eddy  
February 12

Travis Geaslin  
February 17

Judy Reardon  
February 24

Arkansas Corvair Club  
February 29, 1988

Happy Anniversary  
to  
Don & Beverly Ahrens  
February 11 (23 yrs)

Robert & Bobbie Brown  
February 13

**ACC Dues Alert**

In an effort to keep everyone informed about the status of your ACC membership dues, we publish a membership *Dues Alert* in every issue of *On the Air*.

The *Dues Alert* lists names of members who are past due and those due for the current month.

Dues are **\$20.00** for regular membership and **\$15.00** for associate members. Please mail payments to: **Arkansas Corvair Club, P.O. Box 627, Little Rock, AR 72203.**

Here are the names that are **past due** and due in **January**.

**Past Due** ..... None

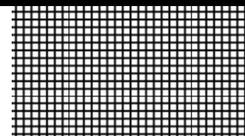
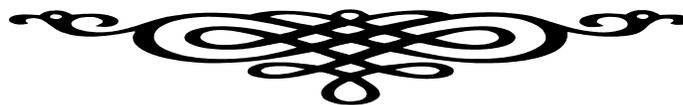
**Due Jan** ..... David Carter  
Zack Eby  
Al Embrey  
Larry Levy  
Stew MacLeod  
Steve Simmons

Please disregard if you've already paid.  
Thanks for your generous support. ■

# ACC November Meeting Minutes



JB King



The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, November 20.

The meeting was called to order by vice president, Meredith Chapman.

The minutes for October meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter.

### Old Business

Al Embrey reminded members that the Jacksonville Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 1. The parade lineup will be at 11:00 a.m. and the parade will start at 12:00 noon. Parti-

cipating cars must be decorated.

Also, Al reported that our club can re-order cast-aluminum license plaques, like those ordered in the past, for \$32 each. If we submit a new design for the plaques, they will cost \$50 each.

### New Business

Ronnie MacLeod announced that the annual ACC holiday party will be on Saturday, January 5, at MacLeod's residence in West Little Rock. Our club will mail invitations.

As in past years, the January holiday party will take the place of our regular monthly meeting for January 2008.

Bill Smith made the motion that Meredith Chapman be the named as acting president, to serve out the remainder of Ken Franson's term of

office. The motion was seconded and passed.

We will receive nominations for a new slate of officers during our meeting in March.

Meredith mentioned that we need to make find a new hosting location for our club's Web site. Ken Franson has maintained the site for the past few years.

Bill Smith volunteered to contact CORSA to coordinate requirements for our club's Web site to be hosted with other CORSA Web sites on the CORSA server.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

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### Proposed amendment to Section f.:

Elected officers may serve consecutive terms.

## BYLAWS

### SECTION A. - DUES

#### Item 1 reads:

Active Members (except Honorary Members): \$15 per year to the ACC, in addition to CORSA dues. A Family Membership, including all interested family members is \$15 per year.

#### Proposed amendment to Item 1:

Active Members (except Honorary Members): \$20 per year. A Family Membership, including all interested family members is \$20 per year.

#### Item 2 reads:

Associate Members: \$10 per year.

#### Proposed amendment to Item 2:

Associate Members: \$15 per year.

### SECTION C. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### Item 2 reads:

The April meeting will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office in May.

#### Proposed amendment to Item 2:

The April meeting will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office immediately after the vote.

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The goal for 2008 is to approve and publish our updated ACC Constitution and Bylaws for the meeting to elect officers in April.

If you have comments, please phone Bill Smith at 501 843-8413 (evenings). ■

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thusiasts and in CORSA.

Over the years, all three of these individuals were named honorary ACC members. I express our sincere thanks and salute each of them for their important contributions to our CORSA chapter. ■

## Corvair Poetry Corner

### Prelude

by Robert W. Service

In youth I gnawed life's bitter rind  
And shared the rugged lot  
Of fellows rude and unrefined,  
Frustrated and forgot;  
And now alas! it is too late  
My sorry ways to mend,  
So sadly I accept my fate,  
A Roughneck to the end.

Profanity is in my voice  
And slag is in my rhyme,  
For I have mucked with men who curse  
And grovel in the grime;  
My fingers were not formed, I fear,  
To frame a pretty pen,  
So please forgive me if I veer  
From Virtue now and then.

For I would be the living voice,  
Though raucous is its tone,  
Of men who rarely may rejoice,  
Yet barely ever moan:  
The rovers of the raw-ribbed lands,  
The lads of lowly worth,  
The scallywags with scaley hands  
Who weld the ends of earth.





# On the Air

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enjoyment, and preservation of the  
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## Arkansas Corvair Club Information

### Meetings

The Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **Just Like Mom’s** Home Cooking restaurant, 3140 E. Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

### No January Meeting

The ACC will **NOT** meet Tuesday, **January 15**, 7:00 p.m., at Just Like Mom’s, on Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

Our next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, February 19**, 7:00 p.m., at Just Like Mom’s. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship prior to the meeting. We’ll see you there.

### Officers

**President:** Meredith Chapman, P.O. Box 243, Jacksonville, AR 72078, 501 676-6693.

**Vice-President:** Vacant.

**Treasurer:** Elvis King, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock, AR 72206, 501 888-1224 (evening).

**Secretary:** JB King, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock AR, 72206, 501 888-1224 (evening).

**Elected Board:** Allan Embrey, 501 834-5373; Ronnie MacLeod, 821-3622; Clyde Jones, 479 774-6789; Bill Smith, 501 843-8413.

**Appointed Board:** Pending.

### Committee Chairs

**Membership:** Elvis King

**Publicity:** Bill Smith

**Newsletter Editor:** Bill Smith, 370 Windwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023, 501 843-8413.

**Newsletter Advertising:**

Non-members and businesses:  
\$100/year full page; \$60-½ page;  
\$35-¼ page.

**Program & Events:** Open

**ACC Webmaster:** Ken Franson, 608 Ridgelea Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, 501 835-6005.

**ACC Mission:** The mission of the Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) is to promote the maintenance, enjoyment, and preservation of all types of Corvairs and related vehicles, and to advance and improve driving skills, automobile safety, and the Corvair’s image.